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Status		
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 Ap	<u>oril 2004</u> .	
2a) This action is FINAL . 2b) This	action is non-final.	
3) Since this application is in condition for allowan	,	
closed in accordance with the practice under E	x parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 4	53 O.G. 213.
Disposition of Claims		
4) Claim(s) is/are pending in the application 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw		
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.	m nom consideration.	
6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.	,	•
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.		
8) Claim(s) 1-29 are subject to restriction and/or e	election requirement.	
Application Papers		
9) The specification is objected to by the Examine	r.	
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) ☐ acce	epted or b) objected to by the	Examiner.
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Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119		
12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:)-(d) or (f).
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

- 1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-11, 13, 15-22, drawn to client device and synchronization server and messages needed to establish the session, classified in class 709, subclass 228.
 - II. Claims 12, 14, 23-29, drawn to electronic device and computer program for communicating between client device and server, classified in class 709, subclass 227.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions I and II are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because invention II only transmits message from client device to server. The subcombination has separate utility such as communicating with mobile unit by using message transmission service. Invention I claims the method comprises configuring a synchronization server to determine, for a request indicating the need for starting a session and to be transmitted to the mobile station, the identifier of the synchronization server, the identifier of a synchronization

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protocol version supported by the synchronization server and the identifier of the requested synchronization session.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. A telephone call was made to Geza Ziegler on November 01, 2004 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

5. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kamini S Shah whose telephone number is 571-272-2279. The examiner can normally be reached on IFP.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack B Harvey can be reached on 571-272-3896. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Kamini S Shah Primary Examiner Art Unit 2142

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